

**Advent Begins**

**Getting ready to remember the coming of Jesus**

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent; there are always four Sundays in Advent. Each week we light one of the coloured candles to mark the weeks. On the third week we light the pink candle.

Finally on Christmas Day we light the white candle. ‘Christ, the light’, has come into the world.

Advent, is NOT Christmas.

Advent is for preparing, a time that we get ready and remember that momentous event when God became a human.

Christmas starts on 25th December and the celebrations really begin there.

**Heating in School – update**

Work is planned over the coming weeks to reinstate our main heating once again. For now, our temporary heaters are keeping us warm…and we’re getting good at ‘closing the doors’!!!

**Christmas Lights**

**Big Switch on**

**Peckham Square**

**5pm TODAY**

Join our Year 6 Brass players along with our friends and neighbours .

**Reconcilliation Service at the church Tuesday 7:30pm**

All families invited to the parish service especially families with children who have received Holy Communion and older. There will be several priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Great preparation for Christmas.

**Dates for you Diary**

**Christmas Lights Switch on in** **Peckham**

Year 6 Brass 5pm Fri 1st Dec

**Christmas Infant Nativity Play**

Reception – Year 2

Tuesday 12th December at 2pm

**Christmas Tableau** (Years 3,4,5 & 6)

Wednesday 13th December at 7pm. (Church)

**Christmas Dinner** – Tues 19th Dec

**Class Parties** – Tues 19th Dec

**End of Term- Wed 20th December @ 1.30pm**

**School Advent Mass: all welcome**

**Thursday, 10am at our parish church.**

**A film to watch**

Based on the Pope’s encyclical Laudato Si, which focus’s on the importance of our environment, this powerful film is very topical with the COP 23 talks currently talking place. It is very thought provoking, worth viewing and with subtitles, so more suitable with your older (KS2) children; it’s not ‘a Disney’! See the link: <https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

 or google ‘Laudato Si The Letter’.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Please make sure telephone numbers and email addresses are kept up to date. This is important for contact and issuing of holiday meals vouchers for those who receive them. Contact the office ASAP**

 **‘St James the Great Awards’**

**‘Helping to Prepare’**

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

**Samantha, Faith E.; Kenny , Samuel; Daniel, Anabelle;; Emma , Raffaele; Christodia, Emiliano; and Michelle, Hajar.**

 **‘Imaginitive Learner’**

Pupils of achievement are as follows:

Kathy, Elise, Husafiata, Adeola, Larelle and Patrice.

**‘Pupil Leaders’**

Catholic Life Committee

Chidera, Anaya, Kenny and Destiny.

***Well done everyone!***

***St James the Great, Pray for us.***